

Dear Mr. Harwood,

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Your are correct in saying that no~~e~~ one in the government wanted the JFK assassination solved. Thus the crime itself was never officially investigated and thus there are no real and factual leads for private persons to follow.

With his characteristic excesses Stone, who never stopped lying about the records, has delayed for a long time if he has not prevented the disclosure of the records that have not been disclosed.

He began by telling the people that "all" were suppressed, even though he knew I had a quarter of a ~~million~~^{million} pages from FOIA litigation. He also said that the Warren Commission's records are withheld into the next century when I began publishing them in 1966 and only about 2% are still withheld. There are legitimate reasons for some withholdings, although the government usually lies to be able to withhold. It was not until he had finished his movie that he mentioned the real area of withholding and then only when a friend of mine was able to get through his palace guard to tell him the truth. But knowing the truth he persisted in including more. The truth is the of the records of the House committee, only those generated by the House are, under law and regulation, not accessible under FOIA. A friend of mine has about 80,000 pages from the FBI alone of the records it gave the House committee.

If Stone could have been content to limit himself for once to the truth I am confident those records would have been designated by the House for processing for disclosure. All that would have required was a simple House resolution. But in response to Stone's demands the bills that have been introduced require the agreement of the House and the Senate on the bill that would be enacted, requiring hearings in both chambers and then the reconciling of the differences in the proposed law, and then the approval of the President, the former CIA director, who lives by vetoes.

Contrary to Stone's misrepresentation, ~~there~~ there is no real prospect of any of the records holding any smoking gun simply because the crime was not investigated. There are surely some that can be embarrassing to the agencies like the FBI and CIA but with few exceptions they are accessible under FOIA. Stone has not had his lawyers file any such suit and nobody else with any means has even thought of doing this.

Not only did Stone ignore the 250,000 pages I make available to all serious writers, none of those who have written the many books theorizing solutions have come here to make any real use of these records. So, with this many ignored, how much use do you think there will be of the disclosure of any volume of those not now available, including those of the House committee? Should they be available? Of course! But the people should not be given false hopes and this is what Stone has done. I can't imagine any element of the media investigating the great sum required to assign people to read all the records. It did not happen in the past nor with all the attention Stone got and there is no reason to expect it to happen in the future. But do not be depressed. I'm not. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg

Harold Weisberg